



Iranian
political prisoner

Mansour Osanloo

Born February 23, 1960

Mansour Osanloo is an Iranian trade unionist who has been imprisoned since 2007. A leading figure in Iran's labor movement, Mansour was hospitalized on February 14, 2011.

Mansour Osanloo helped to found the Union of the Vahed Bus Company that represents the Tehran bus workers on May 9, 2005. He also became Vahed's leader. The Iranian regime is opposed to independent unions and has used force and repression to prevent Vahed from operating. Mansour was attacked by government agents in May 2005 and was arrested in December 2005 after organizing a protest. He was released on August 9, 2006. Mansour was arrested again on November 19, 2006 by pro-government vigilantes. He was released on December 19, 2006.

Mansour was put on trial and sentenced to five years in prison in May 2007 for of anti-state propaganda and actions against national security. The authorities allowed him to travel abroad to visit trades union conferences in Europe in June 2007. However, upon his return, Mansour was arrested on July 10, 2007 and sent to prison.

The authorities initially put him in Evin prison and then transferred him to Rajaie Shahr prison, which is known for its harsh conditions and numerous criminal inmates. Mansour has been attacked by other prisoners.

Mansour suffers from a serious eye problems and should have ongoing medical treatment after having had open heart surgery several years ago. Most recently, in February 2011, his condition became so dire that the authorities transferred him temporarily to a nearby hospital. The doctors found that he has three clogged arteries and needs surgery. Despite this finding, the authorities have kept him in prison despite numerous recommendations that they move him to a hospital for treatment.

Mansour's sister has spoken out about his dire condition and has appealed to the doctors who examined him in February 2011 to put pressure on the authorities to release him for treatment.